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**Reconstituted Tobaccos in Competitive Brands**

As part of a program of monitoring competitive products, the Microscopy Group has investigated the reconstituted tobaccos in the major brands of the six tobacco companies. Mrs. V. Johnson's detailed report is attached for your information.

Of particular note is the use of wood fibers in the Liggett and Myers reconstituted tobacco. The Brown and Williamson cigarettes contain two types of reconstituted tobacco; one purchased from Schweitzer and the other evidently made by Brown and Williamson. The reconstituted tobacco made by Schweitzer for Brown and Williamson has American appears to contain a material resembling tobacco stalk. This is not evident in the material supplied to P. Lorillard by Schweitzer. The difficulty with which the Reynolds reconstituted tobacco disintegrates in water indicates that we need further information on this material. We will attempt to determine if they are adding something to their material as indicated in the microscopic examination.

A chemical analysis of these reconstituted tobaccos is in process and will be completed in the near future.

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